



**Sheila Dixon**

*Mayor,  
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**Mayor Sheila Dixon Greets Mayor Esther Coaline-Warbey of  
Gbarnga, Liberia**

Baltimore, MD (June 26 2007) – Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon greeted Mayor Esther Coaline-Warbey of Gbarnga, Liberia in a City Hall ceremony today. Gbarnga is Baltimore's sister city in Liberia. Mayor Coaline-Warbey is visiting Baltimore with four members from the Liberian House of Representatives.

"I am very proud to welcome Mayor Coaline-Warbey and her delegation to Baltimore," said Dixon. "I look forward to building on our strong sister-city relationship and helping the people of our two cities understand each other better."

The sister city relationship with Gbarnga is Baltimore's oldest, it began in 1973. Civil unrest in Liberia put formal sister city activities on hold for many years, but the relationship was rekindled in 2004 when the president of Liberia visited Baltimore.

Mayor Dixon presented the Liberian delegation with gifts from the City of Baltimore, and the two Mayors met privately for half an hour.

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